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USIS/GUAYAQUIL REPORTED YESTERDAY (APRIL 19), IN A MESSAGE TO USINFO/WASHINGTON, THE APPEARANCE IN GUAYAQUIL'S 3 MORNING DAILIES OF EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ON THE BRIBERY BY UNITED BRANDS OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS. BOTH MAJOR QUITO PAPERS CARRIED THE STORY IN THEIR APRIL 11 EDITIONS. EL TIEMPO'S WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE, COMERCIO'S BURIED BACK ON PAGE 12. ALL REPORTING THUS FAR HAS BEEN BASED ON THE STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. NO LOCAL PAPERS HAVE YET PICKED UP ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' LETTER TO COVINGTON AND BURLING. THUS FAR, NO EDITORIAL COMMENT, ALTHOUGH GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE QUASI-SENSATIONAL HEADLINES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME OVER THE WEEKEND. ONE OF EL TIEMPO'S SATIRICAL COLUMNISTS DEVOTED HIS APRIL 11 COLUMN TO THE STORY; THE COLUMN, "PICA-PIEDRA", WHICH NORMALLY TENDS TO ENJOY ITSELF AT US EXPENSE, WAS RESTRAINED AND RESERVED ITS SHARPEST BARBS FOR THE EX-PRESIDENT OF A COUNTRY, WHO ACCEPTED THE "BRIBE." HEMENWAY

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